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E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: CU/ARTS: SONGSMITH JAMES DURST PRIVATE TOUR

1. DURST (SINGER/GUITARIST/SONGWRITER) EVALUATED AS GOOD BY DEPT'S PANEL ON FOLK MUSIC AND JAZZ. ADVISED DEPT. HE WILL BE IN ICELAND 0700 OCTOBER 14 AND SCANDINAVIA OCTOBER 18 TO NOVEMBER 22.

2. FOR REYKJAVIK: DURST WROTE TO FORMER PAO DICKERMAN CONCERNING PROGRAMMING BUT HAD NO REPLY. IS AVAILABLE OCTOBER 14 TO 18 OR UPON RETURN O/A NOVEMBER 24.

3. HAS STOCKHOLM PERFORMANCE OCTOBER 21; THREE CONCERTS IN HELSINKI BETWEEN OCTOBER 22 AND 25; AND A SEMINAR IN COPENHAGEN. HE WILL BE AVAILABLE TO TRAVEL FROM COPENHAGEN

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FROM LATE OCTOBER UNTIL NOVEMBER 17 WHERE HE HAS LIVE RADIO

SHOW IN DENMARK.

4. DURST WAS PROGRAMMED BY POSTS IN EAST ASIA WITH REVIEWS RANGING FROM EXCELLENT TO MIXED. HE HAD SUNG MAINLY HIS OWN COMPOSITIONS BUT HAS EXPANDED HIS REPERTOIRE FOR BICENTENNIAL. CAN DO PROGRAM ENTITLED "AMERICAN FOLK MUSIC OF 200 YEARS."

5. SHOULD POSTS OR LOCAL SPONSOR BE INTERESTED IN PROGRAMMING DURST, PLEASE ADVISE CU/ARTS. HE REQUESTS DOLS 100 PER CONCERT PLUS PER DIEM OR ROOM AND BOARD AND TRAVEL WITHIN AND BETWEEN COUNTRIES WHEN APPLICABLE. KISSINGER

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